MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET HEARING SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018 10:00A.M.

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Councilmember President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 10:16a.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Absent:

Councilmember Lamar Maxwell and Councilmember Kelly Porter

Staff: Robert Ashton, Financial Advisor, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk, Adeoye Aganga-Williams, City Treasurer

2. Meeting Topics

2.1.1. FY2019 Proposed Budget Hearing

• Mayor Grant stated that the proposed budget is in line with the seven strategic outcomes as approved by City Council last year. Mayor Grant provided the Council with the difference in the budget numbers. The debt services are at 0% as it relates to the renovation of the City Hall and Public Works. The proposed budget for FY2018-2019 is \$12,564,498. The goal is to replace two vehicles every year for the police department. The life expectancy of the police vehicle is five years.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

• Aretha Stephenson wanted to know why the speed camera money was down by 18%? Chief Martin stated that the money is projected, and we move the cameras to ensure public safety. The red-light camera and enforcement is for education purposes. The cost of government changed by 3% per Mayor, the money has decreased due to the money being spent on the loan. The money

that has not been spent is transferred into the budget. The asset of the new facility will generate income and increase your net worth. How are the camera funds being spent? The law is specific on how the funds can spent for public safety, which includes lighting and sidewalks. In the case of the city, we only used the funding for the police department. The money cannot be used to pay a salary. The money is spent on one-time items. Do we have a breakdown on the budget page 239 to provide how the camera money is being spent? Economic Development decreased by 18% is it due to the same reason for the spend down. The Mayor stated that it was correct.

- Sherry Cook-1012 Carrington Ave-Ms. Cook wanted to know about any type grants for the economic development to assist home buyers to repair the home? Mayor Grant stated that in the current budget we do not have funding, but within the Economic Development Department maintain the grants. Ms. Cook stated that she was researching the TNI Grant through Prince George's County, which isn't supplied to municipality. We are developing the programs to assist the resident through habitat for humanity.
- Mr. Ayu stated the Smart Buy Program allows the homeowner to pay for student loan while purchasing a home. The CDC will be able to seek grants to assist homeowners with home repairs. The City Council approved the Seat Pleasant Economic and Development Corporation to assist the City to seek grants.
- Mayor Grant informed Ms. Cook that she resided in the unincorporated area of Seat Pleasant. Councilmember Sistrunk stated that the Ward Meeting will have habitat for humanity and the weatherization program will be held on May 21, 2018 to attend the meeting at 9:30a.m.
- Juan Stewart- Candidate for County Council District 7, Inquired on the Smart Buy Program.
- Mayor Grant recommended that Mr. Stewart to contact Mr. Ayu.
- Councilmember McCarthy read a letter from the Food Justice Coalition requesting funding for \$500 for food to Oakcrest Community Center.
- Ms. Stephenson inquired on the amount of the money generating for violations on page 29.
- Chief Martin requested for the request to be submitted in writing.
- Chief Martin stated that Code violations are required to be abated by the residents. We work with the residents for them to repair the violation or we will go to court and are awarded the municipal infraction.
- Mr. Ayu stated that the SPEDC will be the entity to address the request for the funding for the food and grant for home repairs.

 Mayor Grant stated the Seat Pleasant CDC had their challenges to maintain the CDC to assist the residents. We are working to ensure that the approved Seat Pleasant Economic and Community Development Corporation will be seeking Grant Funding to assist the citizens.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4.1. City Council Budget Review, Saturday, April 14, 2018, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers from 12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.
- 4.2. Ward II & Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, April 16, 2018, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:30am-11:30a.m.
- 4.3 Annual Seat Pleasant Day, Saturday, May 5, 2018, Parade from Goodwin Park at 11:00a.m., Activities at Seat Pleasant Elementary School from 12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.
- 4.4. Regular Work Session, Monday, May 7, 2018, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.
- 4.5. Public Session, Monday, May 14, 2018, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.

Adjourn:

The Budget hearing adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Submitted by,

Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC

City Clerk